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Number of Maine Persons Working Part Time For Economic Reasons Drops

Approximately 120,000 Mainers were employed on a part-time basis during 1988. These data, as well as other labor force, employment, and unemployment data for states and major metropolitan areas, are available annually from the Current Population Survey published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Only 18 percent of the 120,000 people working part time in Maine during 1988 were working part time involuntarily, that is, for economic reasons. Economic reasons include: the inability to find full-time work; material shortages; slack work; and repairs to plant and equipment. Between 1982 and 1986 there were an average of 33,000 part-timers on less than full-time schedules for economic reasons. As unemployment rates dropped to extremely low levels, involuntary part-time employment declined. During 1987 the number of persons employed part time for economic reasons dropped to 27,000, and by 1988 there were only 22,000 involuntary part-time workers in Maine.

There are definite differences in the incidence of part-time employment between men and women. Within Maine last year, about 32 percent of all employed women were working part time compared to 10 percent of all employed men. However, 28 percent of the men working part time were doing so for economic reasons compared to 15 percent of the women working part time.

Within New England, Maine, with about 18 percent of the total part-time employed desiring work on full-time schedules, had the highest percentage of involuntary part-time workers during 1988. Connecticut recorded the lowest percentage of these workers in the region at approximately 10 percent.

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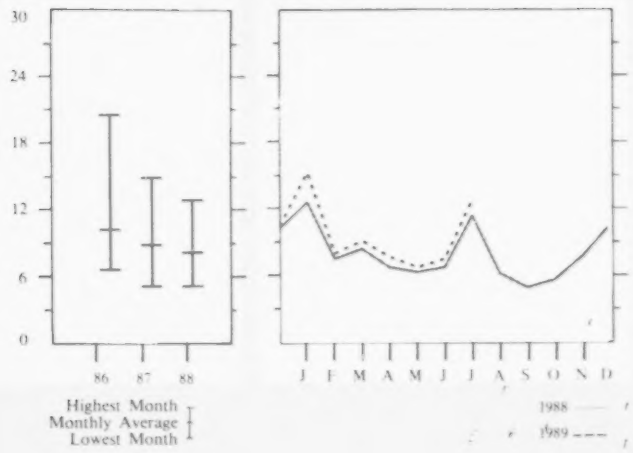
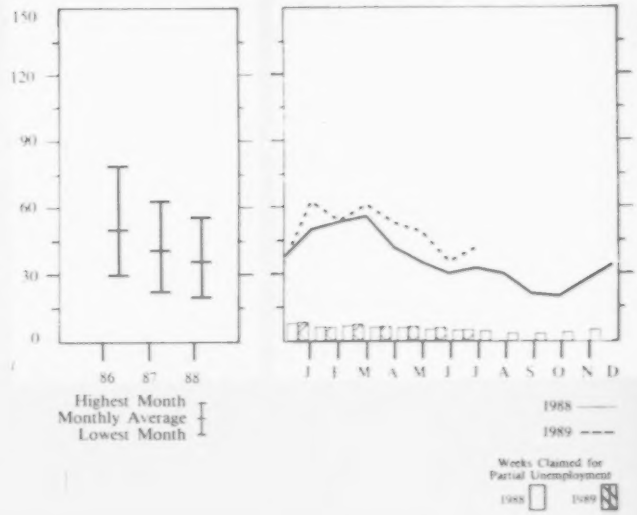
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



About 21 out of every 100 Maine workers are part-timers. Of these 21 part-timers, 4 are employed part time involuntarily.

Distribution of Total Employment by Full- and Part-Time Status
1988 Annual Averages, New England and the U.S.

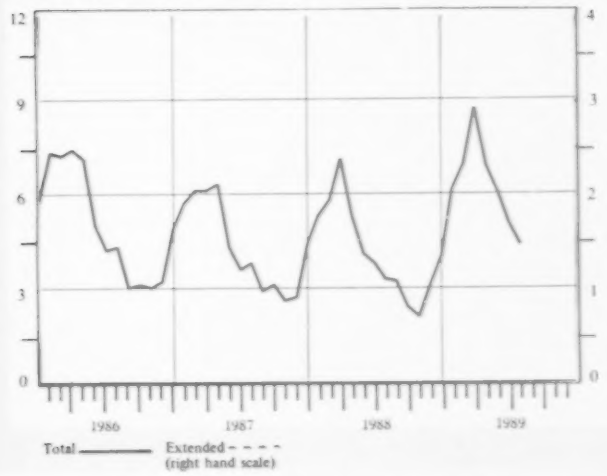
Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Me.	N.H.	Vt.	N.E.	U.S.
Total Employment (000)	3,041	1,694	510	576	591	289	6,701	114,968
Full-Time Schedules (%)	79.9	80.5	79.8	79.2	83.3	81.3	80.3	81.3
Part-Time for Economic Reasons (%)	2.1	2.0	2.2	3.8	2.2	3.1	2.3	4.5
Voluntary Part-Time (%)	18.0	17.5	18.0	17.0	14.5	15.9	17.4	14.2

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 1988, May 1989 (Washington: Government Printing Office).

Selected Employment Security Activities

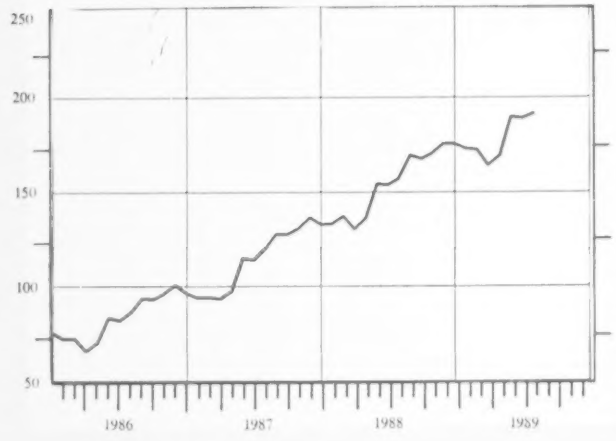
UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	531.4	534.9	526.1	136.6	136.7	130.3	39.8	41.0	39.2
Total Manufacturing	104.5	107.7	103.3	17.0	17.5	17.3	9.1	10.1	9.4
Durable Goods	49.1	50.1	50.2	8.0	8.4	8.4	2.7	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.3	13.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.6	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.4	4.6	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.0	10.2	10.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	(d)	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.7	14.5	12.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.8	5.1	4.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	55.4	57.6	53.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	6.4	7.2	6.4
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	7.0	7.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.6	6.3	4.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.9	1.0	0.7
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	3.0	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.1	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.3	0.5	0.2
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.9	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	10.8	12.4	10.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.1	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.2	10.5	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.4
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.4	1.3	1.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	426.9	427.2	422.8	119.6	119.2	113.0	30.7	30.9	29.8
Construction and Mining	36.3	35.5	38.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	2.5	2.3	2.6
Building Construction	12.2	11.6	13.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trades Contractor	17.2	17.0	17.0	5.7	5.5	5.2	1.7	1.5	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.0	21.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	26.1	26.1	25.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	2.2	2.1	2.1
Retail Trade	109.5	106.4	108.0	31.2	30.5	29.1	8.3	8.3	7.9
Food Stores	19.1	19.0	19.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	39.1	36.5	37.0	9.9	9.4	9.2	2.7	2.6	2.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.9	25.8	25.6	12.1	12.1	12.3	2.2	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.3	9.9	6.1	5.9	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	123.7	118.3	123.3	35.2	34.5	31.7	10.6	10.6	10.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.7	9.9	14.6	2.7	2.3	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
Business Services	14.7	14.5	13.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Health Services	42.7	42.9	42.5	10.1	10.2	9.9	4.4	4.4	4.3
Federal Government	19.4	19.2	18.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	63.9	73.9	62.3	13.0	14.0	12.1	3.2	3.6	3.0
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Employment figures relate to full- and part-time, wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2. Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3. Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland 25, 32, 35, 36, 39; Lewiston 25, 35, 39. 4. Included in SIC codes: Statewide 28, 29; Portland 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston 26, 29. 5. Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a = data not available as sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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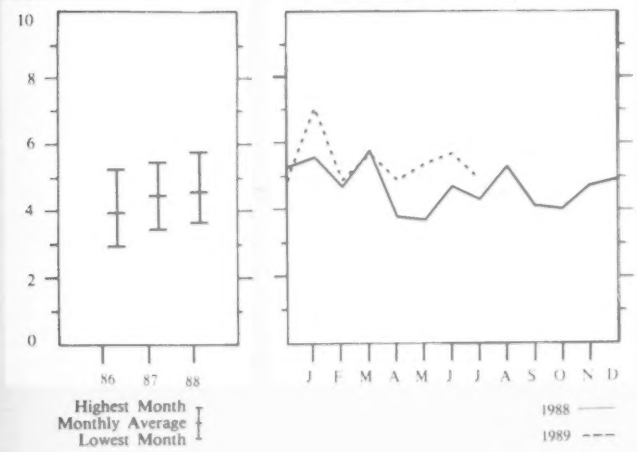
New Applications For Work

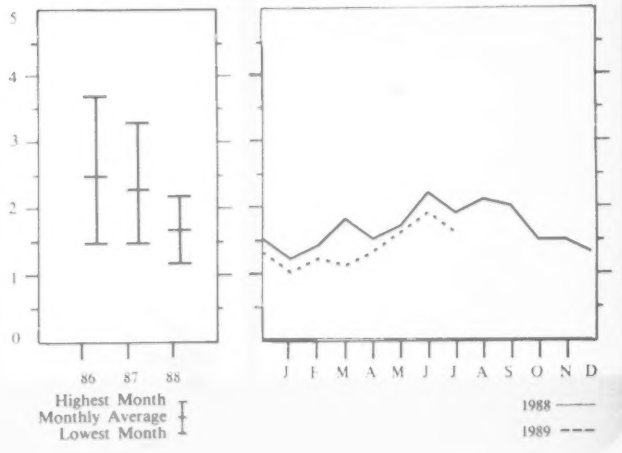
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$399.19	$405.90	$388.09	39.8	41.0	40.3	$10.03	$9.90	$9.63	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	378.85	388.96	380.05	39.3	40.9	41.4	9.64	9.51	9.18	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	360.90	358.52	360.30	40.1	41.4	39.9	9.00	8.66	9.03	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.35	399.67	362.15	39.3	42.7	41.2	9.22	9.36	8.79	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	469.53	507.78	459.36	42.3	47.5	48.1	11.10	10.69	9.55	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	325.08	339.44	318.42	36.0	37.8	36.6	9.03	8.98	8.70	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	406.61	409.65	399.31	40.1	40.6	42.3	10.14	10.09	9.44	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	416.47	419.84	394.74	40.2	41.0	39.2	10.36	10.24	10.07	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	315.22	321.90	298.75	39.6	39.4	38.9	7.96	8.17	7.68	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	349.46	352.80	287.58	40.4	42.1	37.3	8.65	8.38	7.71	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	238.79	262.71	196.48	35.8	37.8	32.0	6.67	6.95	6.14	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	640.25	645.70	619.92	44.4	44.5	43.2	14.42	14.51	14.35	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	248.83	267.65	247.96	36.7	38.4	37.4	6.78	6.97	6.63	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	341.30	359.60	320.53	37.3	39.3	36.8	9.15	9.15	8.71	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	388.74	413.08	388.40	37.2	40.3	40.5	10.45	10.25	9.55	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	328.79	376.55	291.90	38.5	42.5	35.0	8.54	8.86	8.34	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine *

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	280.0	272.6	285.5
Unemployed	12.4	9.7	9.0
(Percent)	4.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Resident Employed	267.6	262.9	276.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	124.4	124.1	118.5	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	630.9	619.9	620.8	609.4	596.4	602.7	21.5	23.5	18.2	3.4	3.8	2.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,500	44,900	45,000	44,300	43,500	43,900	1,200	1,400	1,100	2.6	3.1	2.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,300	41,300	41,600	39,800	39,300	39,400	2,500	2,000	2,200	5.9	4.8	5.3
Portland MSA	135,600	133,400	132,000	133,400	130,300	130,300	2,200	3,100	1,700	1.6	2.3	1.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	138,300	136,400	n/a	134,700	133,300	n/a	3,600	3,100	n/a	2.6	2.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,020	35,850	35,410	35,600	34,770	34,570	1,420	1,080	840	3.8	3.0	2.4
Bath-Brunswick	30,950	30,880	29,280	30,490	30,150	38,890	460	730	390	1.5	2.4	1.3
Belfast	11,820	11,770	11,510	11,020	10,960	10,820	800	810	690	6.8	6.9	6.0
Biddeford	30,410	29,480	30,160	29,270	28,610	28,850	1,140	870	1,310	3.7	3.0	4.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,400	16,180	16,540	17,140	15,880	16,380	260	300	160	1.5	1.9	1.0
Calais-Eastport	14,690	14,630	14,970	13,750	13,080	14,180	940	1,550	790	6.4	10.6	5.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,280	20,490	20,660	19,250	18,910	19,700	1,030	1,580	960	5.1	7.7	4.6
Central Penobscot	3,260	3,240	3,020	3,160	3,110	2,930	100	130	90	3.1	4.0	3.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,020	7,310	7,280	6,610	6,870	6,820	410	440	460	5.8	6.0	6.3
Ellsworth	26,950	25,880	27,420	26,470	25,100	26,950	480	780	470	1.8	3.0	1.7
Farmington	12,730	12,240	12,550	11,960	11,630	11,870	770	610	680	6.0	5.0	5.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,410	5,120	5,460	5,080	4,740	5,330	330	380	130	6.1	7.4	2.4
Greenville	1,540	1,400	1,600	1,510	1,320	1,580	30	80	20	1.9	5.7	1.3
Houlton	6,160	6,390	6,200	5,840	6,010	5,970	320	380	230	5.2	5.9	3.7
Kittery-York 3/	30,220	30,210	30,830	29,950	29,790	30,640	270	420	190	0.9	1.4	0.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,380	5,450	5,120	5,080	5,130	220	300	320	4.1	5.6	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,810	4,450	4,450	4,510	4,230	4,190	300	220	260	6.2	4.9	5.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,990	3,970	3,900	3,760	3,710	3,720	230	260	180	5.8	6.5	4.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,940	4,090	4,180	3,850	3,850	4,050	90	240	130	2.3	5.9	3.1
Norway-Paris	12,600	12,520	12,740	12,010	11,830	12,390	590	690	350	4.7	5.5	2.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,360	2,470	2,410	2,260	2,240	2,350	100	230	60	4.2	9.3	2.5
Rockland	19,190	19,080	19,110	18,510	18,280	18,820	680	800	290	3.5	4.2	1.5
Rumford	8,200	8,430	8,020	7,670	7,940	7,650	530	490	370	6.5	5.8	4.6
Sanford	16,570	16,440	17,320	15,920	15,890	16,480	650	550	840	3.9	3.3	4.8
Sebago Lakes Region	15,510	13,430	14,720	15,160	13,000	14,490	350	430	230	2.3	3.2	1.6
Skowhegan	22,610	22,350	21,560	21,030	21,270	20,260	1,580	1,080	1,300	7.0	4.8	6.0
Southwest Penobscot	11,410	11,630	10,830	10,740	10,940	9,900	670	690	930	5.9	5.9	8.6
Waterville	25,130	24,980	24,650	24,300	24,000	24,100	830	980	550	3.3	3.9	2.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,819.3	1,797.7	n/a	1,758.2	1,739.2	n/a	61.1	58.5	n/a	3.4	3.3
Massachusetts	3,245.0	3,223.0	3,195.5	3,097.0	3,097.0	3,080.1	148.0	127.0	115.4	4.6	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire	n/a	634.5	616.5	n/a	613.2	599.7	n/a	21.3	16.7	n/a	3.4	2.7
Rhode Island	537.7	532.2	532.7	516.6	512.1	516.5	21.1	20.1	16.2	3.9	3.8	3.0
Vermont	311.9	312.6	298.8	300.3	300.7	292.6	11.6	12.0	6.2	3.7	3.8	2.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,141.5	7,062.0	n/a	6,877.6	6,830.8	n/a	265.0	231.2	n/a	3.7	3.3
UNITED STATES	126,238	125,569	123,888	119,502	118,719	117,066	6,736	6,850	6,823	5.3	5.5	5.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

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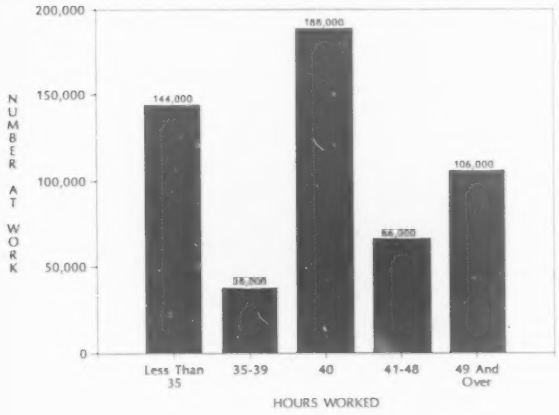
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	10,695	7,183	9,243	942	866	672	1,460	701	1,319

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

CIVILIANS AT WORK BY HOURS OF WORK
MAINE, 1988 ANNUAL AVERAGES



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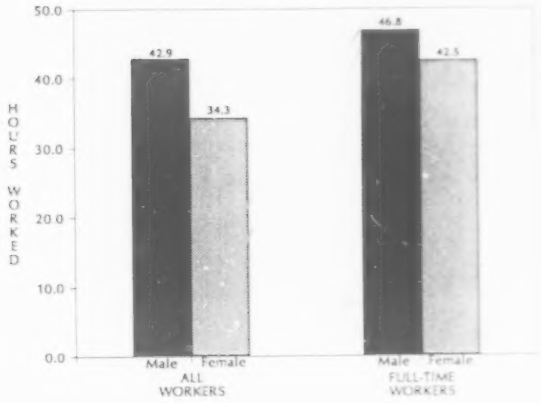

Over 30 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1988. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 80 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work.

All Maine workers averaged 38.9 hours of work per week during 1988. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 45.1 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules.

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